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SCRIPTURE TEXT: Nehemiah 1:4-11 NLT

SUBJECT: "Praying Effectively"

Introduction: I dare say that in the church, prayer is much talked about but often it is not done effectively.

I challenge your thought process this morning with the thought that prayer is more than just words; prayer is an attitude and an expression of the heart.

Our prayers to God should be an expression of our complete trust that He is only a prayer away and that He will hear our faintest cry, and He will answer by and by.

If prayer is anything less than this it is not prayer.

I want to share with you 5 elements, or 5 components found in Nehemiah's praying that can help us be more effective in our own prayer life, they are: purpose – privilege – procedure – promises – and power.

Sermon Points

Major Moment: The Word of God teaches us how to pray with strong desire, with a firm faith, and with constant perseverance.

- **Effective Prayer Is Found In Great Burden**
 - Nehemiah 1:4
 - Romans 8:34
- **Effective Prayer Is Found In Godly Adoration**
 - Nehemiah 1:5-7
 - Psalm 100:4
 - Psalms 34:3
 - Isaiah 6:1-5
 - First John 1:9
- **Effective Prayer Is Found In Great Expectation**
 - Nehemiah 1:8-9
 - James 1:6-7
- **Effective Prayer Is Found In A Godly Relationship**
 - Nehemiah 1:10-11
 - Second Chronicles 7:14
 - John 15:7

Summary Verse: "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." **James 5:16b**